Representatives of SC/ST and minority community in Selection Boards/Committee

3294. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether instructions issued in August, 1990 for inclusion of representatives of SC/ST and Minorities in the Selection Committees/Boards have been implemented in the Department of Science and Technology;

(b) if so, what are the details of the bodies and organisations of the Department where the instructions have been implemented;

(c) what are the names of the bodies which have not implemented the instructions so far and the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) the details are as under:

(i) Department of Science and Technology

(ii) India Meteorological Department.

(iii) Survey of India.

(iv) National Atlas & Thematic Mapping Organisation.

(c) All have implemented.

(d) Does not arise.

Loss of data at Wadia Institute of Himalayan Studies, Dehradun

3295. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a complaint has been lodged by the scientists working at Wadia Institute of Himalayan Studies, Dehradun regarding the loss of data stored in the computers, secured through research over a long period of time;

(b) if so, the nature and quantum of data lost and the steps, if any, taken to retrieve the same;

(c) whether the complaint has been investigated into;

(d) whether any defect in the Computers has been found responsible for the loss; and

(e) if so, the name of the manufacturers of the Computer and actions contemplated to be taken, if any, against them.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There has been no loss of original and stored data secured through research over a long period of time. Loss has been in terms of incorrect calculation of data related to lattice parameters for about thirty rock samples and related theoretical calculations. As there has been no loss of original and stored data, the question of retrieval does not arise.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. There is no defect in the computer hardware supplied by M/s. WIPRO Information Technology Ltd., Bangalore. The defect was in one in pmH Software function (COS inverse) This was brought to the notice of the Vendor who have suggested as alternative solution.

Project for the study of Epilepsy

3296. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ITRC Lucknow had undertaken a joint project with K G. Medical College, Lucknow for study of occurrence of epilepsy due to